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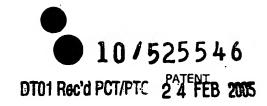
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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

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References 1) to 3) include an English language abstract.

References 1) and 2) were cited in a search report by a foreign Patent Office in a patent application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. A copy of the Search Report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office, is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609 IIIA(3), second paragraph.

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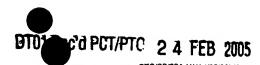
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